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PRESIDENT WILSON CALLS OUT MILITIA FROM THREE STATES

In This Way Eight Thousand Additional Troops Are Placed at the Command of Major General Funston. This Order Was Shown To Be Necessary by the Glenn Springs Raid, Which May Be Repeated On the Long Border At Any Moment. The Whole Strength of the National Guard Will Be Called Out If Found To Be Necessary.

Washington, May 10.—National guardsmen of three states, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, were called out by President Wilson yesterday to aid in protecting the border against Mexican raiders. In addition, practically all remaining mobile troops of the regular army were ordered to join the border forces.

By these orders nearly 8,000 additional troops were placed under Major General Funston's command. Behind the orders is the plain intimation by administration officials that the whole strength of the national guard will be similarly employed if necessary.

The orders were issued after a brief conference between President Wilson and Secretary Baker over a joint report from Generals Scott and Funston at El Paso. The two officers stated

that the Glenn Springs raid made it plain that the border guard must be materially increased.

"Secretary of War Baker issued this statement:

"The outbreak in the Big Bend district of the Rio Grande has so far further emphasized the danger of similar occurrences along our long border that the president has called out the militia of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, and directed them to report to General Funston, who will assign them to stations along the border for patrol duty.

"In addition to that, two additional regiments of regular infantry have been directed to proceed to the border, and such further arrangements will be made as are necessary for the complete security of the people of the United States against raids of this character."

MRS. W. G. WELLES ENTERTAINED SATURDAY.

At her beautiful home on West Oak street last Saturday, Mrs. W. G. Welles was the charming hostess at a most delightful informal sewing party given for her house guest, Mrs. A. N. Sally, and Mrs. Campbell, who is to return to her summer home very soon.

On the arrival of the invited guests they were received by Mrs. Welles, Mrs. Sally and Mrs. Campbell, and directed to the dining room, where punch was served by Mrs. Goucher and Mrs. Treadwell. The rooms were beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and other sweet and fragrant flowers.

Chairs had been placed on the spacious veranda, and the ladies were soon engaged in various kinds of fancy work and crochet, and social chat. During the afternoon delightful music was rendered by Mr. Brady, violin, and Mrs. Karls, piano. The numbers given were much enjoyed by all. Miss Willie Welles also entertained most delightfully with a recitation, "Where is Annette?" the story of a woman who went mad over the loss of her little girl, Annette. The rendering of this by Miss Welles was wonderfully realistic, and showed that she is a finished elocutionist.

Refreshments of delicious strawberry shortcake with whipped cream and coffee were served by the hostess, who was assisted by Mrs. E. D. Treadwell, Miss Annie Hollingsworth and Miss Willie Welles. On each plate served was a dainty bouquet of "pansies for thoughts."

Those present to enjoy the gracious hospitality of Mrs. Welles and to renew their friendship for Mrs. Sally and Mrs. Campbell, were Mesdames Goucher, Seward, Florida King, Williams, Yates, J. L. Morgan, Bell, Richards, Lanier and mother, Bovis, Whitely, Wey, H. L. Carlton, Odlin, Anschütz, McSwain, A. L. Durrance, E. D. Treadwell, Rosin, McL. Martin, Stamp, Orchard, Whitestone, Daniels, Lynch, Dancy, Vance, Ryan, Vesey, J. L. Jones, Horton, Mitchell, Richards, Leimer, Edmonson, Lloyd Davis, H. T. Davis of Nocatee, Semple, Annie Hollingsworth, H. L. King, Dick King, John Burton, Clay, J. S. Wells, Forester, P. C. Brown, George Scott, Walters, Highsmith, Freeman, Sander, J. of Punta Gorda, R. E. Whidden, Kards and J. S. Hollingsworth, of Knoxville.

OWENS.

A crowd from here attended the children's day exercises at Pine Level last Sunday. Everybody reported a fine time.

Mrs. M. Blackburn has returned from Florence, Ala. where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. Andrew Stapleton made a flying trip to Plant City last week.

Miss Florie Jones has returned from Plant City.

The Owens Packing Company will close their house this week for the season.

Mr. R. A. Coulter, of Tampa, is visiting his parents.

On debate last Friday night was attended by a large crowd.

THE UNION! S. S. PICNIC

Near Peace River Was a Pronounced Success, and All Old and Young, Had a Good Time. Suggested by Many That These Beautiful Grounds Be Improved for Permanent Gatherings of This Kind.

The Union Sunday School picnic yesterday was all that the fondest heart could anticipate. Early in the morning the children began to assemble at the various church buildings, and there was no lack of cars to take them out to the grounds promptly as had been promised.

After reaching the grounds it was found that the various committees had all performed their duties well, and every provision had been made for the enjoyment of the children in the highest degree. Interesting games were indulged in until the dinner hour, when there was a spread that made the long tables fairly grown under the splendid edibles that had been prepared by loving hands and hearts.

All of those with whom we talked, and they were many, said, "No more long and tiresome trips for us. We want to be here where there is no loss of time. Let's make this our future permanent meeting place."

The grounds where the picnic was held are beautiful, and with just a little improvement can be made all that could be desired for such occasions.

Life could be made much more enjoyable, not only for the children, but for the old people as well, if many such days were spent together in the woods, where we may have the better opportunity of knowing each other. We suggest that these grounds be improved and that such an outing be had at least once each month during the summer time.

Miss Nevelle Conder, who has for the past two terms been the efficient teacher of the home economics department of the DeSoto County High School, left this morning for Punta Gorda, where she will visit Miss Glenn, the teacher of the home economics department of the Punta Gorda High School for a few days before returning to her home, where she will spend the summer.

J. C. Dazey, home agent of the Palmdale Land Company, accompanied by his wife, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon from Palmdale, where they have been living on their farm for the past month. They left Arcadia this morning. Mrs. Dazey going to Illinois, where she will spend the summer with relatives, and Mr. Dazey going to Kentucky on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Valsek, who have been living in Arcadia for the past few years, left yesterday afternoon for Arkansas, where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Valsek, who owned considerable property in this county, traded it off for property in the state of Arkansas.

Col. Lee M. Hammell is a well known attorney of Wauchula seen attending to legal matters at the court house today.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION FLORIDA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CONVENED HERE WEDNESDAY

Meeting Called to Order by Dr. John A. Simmons, of This City, Who Is the First Vice-President of the Association. The Hon. C. H. Mitchell Delivers Address of Welcome in Behalf of the City of Arcadia in His Usual Happy Vein. Dr. Crum, of Bowling Green, Welcomes the Visitors in Behalf of the DeSoto County Medical Association, and Response to These Addresses of Welcome On Behalf of the Association Was Made By Dr. Graham Henson, Secretary-Treasurer of This Body.

The forty-third annual meeting of the Florida Medical Association convened in the DeSoto County High School building this morning at 10:45.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. J. A. Simmons, of Arcadia, first vice-president of the association. Dr. Simmons, after a few well chosen words of greeting, introduced the Hon. C. H. Mitchell as the "Old Man Eloquent," who would deliver an address of welcome in behalf of the city of Arcadia. Mr. Mitchell maintained his splendid reputation for being a pleasing and interesting speaker. His eulogy on the "Family Physician" towards the latter part of his address was as beautiful and touching as could be pictured by words, and was greeted with rounds of applause.

Dr. Crum, of Bowling Green, gave a cordial welcome to the visitors in behalf of the DeSoto County Medical Society.

To these words of welcome a splendid response on behalf of the association was made by Dr. Graham E. Henson, secretary-treasurer, Jacksonville.

Dr. R. H. McGinnis, of Jacksonville, president of the association, then called the body to order in business session, and up to the noon hour much routine business had been transacted. The afternoon session was devoted to the discussion of many scientific questions.

Tomorrow night the members of the association and visiting ladies will be tendered a banquet by the DeSoto County Medical Association.

MRS. W. H. WELLES ENTERTAINED MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Monday afternoon, May the 8th, a very enjoyable event occurred when Mrs. W. G. Welles entertained a number of her friends at a tea in her home on West Oak street. The party was given in honor of Mrs. A. N. Salley, of North Carolina, who is the house guest of the hostess, and in honor of Miss Bookie Campbell, who, after spending the past winter in Arcadia, left yesterday morning for her home in Lexington, Va. The afternoon was spent in social activities, after which the hostess served cream, cake and coffee. Those who were present to enjoy the hostess' generous hospitality were the following: Miss Bookie Campbell, Miss Inez Carlton, Miss Vee Parker, Miss Hazel King, Miss Bessie Wood, Miss Lillian Wood, Miss Leonora Crawford, Miss Gertrude Martin, Miss Lillian Martin, Miss Mary Durrance, Miss Kate Carlton, Miss Dozier, Miss Nevelle Conder, Miss Annie Davis, Miss Martha Livingston, Miss Winnifred, Holtzendorf, Miss Dora Pelot, Miss Carrie Pelot, Miss Evelyn Odlin, Miss Olga Polk, Miss Ella M. Polk, Miss Emily Smith, Miss Mildred Morgan, Mesdames Gus Whitehead, A. N. Salley, T. N. Lykes, D. L. Smith, Ivey Royall, Downing, E. J. Yelvington, Cravens, E. K. Butler, J. A. Timberlake, Robert Herndon, Tom Alderman, F. S. Pate, Ed. Welles, C. C. Carlton, H. L. Carlton, N. H. Goucher, E. D. Treadwell, John Hendry, Koch, John Brady, Hugh Jones, A. J. Dozier and Tom pards.

HARD-SURFACED ROAD CONTRACT

In Lake County About Completed.

Lake county has now nearly completed her magnificent system of good roads which connect the county seat, Traravos, with practically every other town in the county. When the Continental Public Works Company contract is completed, and this company is now on the last stretch, Lake county will have invested in hard surfaced roads \$500,000.

POLITICAL RALLY AT PINE LEVEL NEXT SATURDAY.

A big picnic and political rally will be held at Pine Level next Saturday, May 13th, at the Pine Level Railroad station. Everybody is invited to be present, and as the good people of that vicinity are well known for their generous hospitality, it is predicted that a large crowd will take advantage of this opportunity to eat a good dinner and to hear some good speeches.

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. O. Bickley, accompanied by his wife, E. H. Bridges and Miss Elizabeth Bridges, left this morning by way of auto for Punta Gorda, where they are spending the day attending a picnic. From Punta Gorda Mr. Bridges, after a visit of several weeks in this city with his daughter, Mrs. Bickley, will go to his home in Lakeport, Ga.

Mrs. Cadman, after spending the past week in this vicinity with her son, W. H. R. Cadman, at his home near Owens, left this morning for her home in Narcoossee, Fla.

THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB.

The Friday Afternoon Club met last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Bunker. All of the members present spent a very entertaining afternoon, doing fancy work and in social chat. The refreshments of the afternoon were nut sundae and cake. After enjoying one of the most pleasant afternoons since the organization of the club, the meeting was adjourned to meet next Friday afternoon, May 13th, at the home of Mrs. McL. Martin, on South Hillsborough avenue. The following members were present: Mrs. A. E. Odlin, Mrs. J. W. Yates, Mrs. F. A. Whitney, Mrs. McL. Martin, Mrs. William Platt. The following were the guests present: Mrs. E. E. Parker and Miss Evelyn Odlin.

Much favorable comment has been heard about the two blocks of paved street running from the C. H. & N. depot to the postoffice. It is said that three minutes after the hard rain yesterday afternoon the water had completely run off the street, leaving it as dry as before it had rained. These two blocks are paved with rock and oil, and are about thirty-six feet wide with a concrete curbing on both sides. The work on this street has only recently been completed, having been done with convict labor under the direct supervision of Chief of Police P. W. Harward. The city of Arcadia owes the C. H. & N. Railroad a debt of gratitude, as they donated all the materials for constructing this excellent piece of work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bennett have moved from the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Langford, where they have been living since their arrival in this city, to one of the Ball bungalows on East Oak street. Mr. Bennett is the traveling passenger and freight agent of the East and West Coast Railroad, and has his headquarters in this city.

Mrs. A. C. Freeman, accompanied by her sister, Miss Almira Dozier, left this morning for Punta Gorda, where they will spend the day attending the picnic and visiting friends. They will return this afternoon.

Elias Keene, of Punta Gorda, is spending this week in town attending the trial of Locke and R. C. Addison, of that city, who are charged with arson. Mr. Keene is a witness in this case.

Mrs. Dorothy Harrington, of Taunton, Mass., arrived in Arcadia last night and will remain here until the end of summer as the guest of her brother, Mr. H. A. Briggs, a well known civil engineer of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Lykes, after a visit of several days in this city with Mrs. Lyke's father, Hon. T. B. King, and her sister, Miss Hazel King, left yesterday afternoon for their home in Tampa.

John Collier, prosperous farmer and cattleman of Zolfo, is one of the many out of town men summoned to do jury service for the circuit court, who arrived here this morning. Mr. Collier is registered at the Arcadia House.

GOVERNOR FERGUSON OF TEXAS SAYS NOW IS THE TIME FOR INTERVENTION

This To Be Done In the Interests of Millions of Starving People in Mexico. He Says, "Temporary Protection of the Border Will Accomplish Nothing. If We Catch and Punish One Bandit Horde, Another Takes Its Place."

Austin, Texas, May 10.—Governor James E. Ferguson, of Texas, on his return to Austin last night, issued a signed statement, in which he declared that now was the proper time for United States intervention in Mexico to restore order in that country, "if it takes ten or fifty years."

Governor Ferguson said in his statement:

"We may as well finish the job. Temporary protection of the border will accomplish nothing. If we catch and punish one bandit horde, another takes its place.

"A ruler put in power today is betrayed tomorrow. Loyalty to any leader is lacking, and patriotism is unknown. The ruthless spilling of American blood on American soil now gives us justification, and it is our duty to do whatever is necessary to permanently prevent a recurrence of further outrages against our people.

"Millions of starving people in Mexico cry for food and protection from the assassin band. As one who has hoped against hope that a ruler might arise at the right time to restore peace, I have reviewed the situation from time to time. As one without bias; as one who has endorsed and now endorses the policy of the present administration; as one who has measured his word, and now mindful of the position here announced and its consequences, I have come reluctantly to the conclusion that it is now the solemn duty of the United States to enter Mexico and assume control of that unfortunate country and give to the Mexican people that stability of government which they are now unable to and helpless to establish, whether it takes ten or fifty years to do it. To do less will be to shirk our responsibility to our national honor and our duty to the Mexican people."

THE J. O. A. CLUB EXCURSION

To Bradentown Was a Day of Pleasant Memories to a Large Crowd of Arcadians. Nearly All the Crowd Spent the Day on Anna Maria Beach. The Excursion Was Personally Conducted by Mr. J. A. Bennett, the Popular Local Representative of the East and West Coast Railroad.

Those who were fortunate enough to take in the Bradentown excursion yesterday report that they had the time of their lives.

There were two well filled coaches of Arcadians on this trip, and the excursion was personally conducted by Mr. J. A. Bennett, the popular local representative of this road, and of whom all speak in the very highest praise.

The train left Arcadia at 6:45 and arrived at Bradentown at 9 o'clock. Most of the excursionists going at once to Anna Maria Beach, where they had an enjoyable day. Some were so sanguine as to say that it was one of the best days of their lives.

Mrs. J. W. Vesey was appointed chaperone for the young ladies, and each will testify as to the wisdom of this choice. Mrs. Vesey was presented with a handsome bouquet on her return as a small token of appreciation of her services.

Our reporter interviewed Mr. Bennett this morning in regard to the trip, and he says it was the most ideal excursion that he ever saw in his more than a dozen years of experience.

The excursion was under the auspices of the J. O. A. Club of this city, and we congratulate the young people most heartily in its success. A few of the party remained in Bradentown for several days.

Among those who took the trip were:

Harry H. Fox, Elizabeth Bridges, W. B. Mitchell, Helen McAllister, Lillian Martin, Mrs. R. W. Rogers, Mr. R. W. Rogers, Mrs. M. A. Hanson, T. J. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ralls, Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mrs. Estelle Lewis, Cauley Langford, Miss Beth Link, C. E. Harbin, Marie Sanders, Martha Livingston, Emily Smith, Alice Strickland, Allen Dowd, R. S. Hayes, Lucille Bennett, A. D. Allen, Mrs. B. Vance, Rev. Joe W. Vesey, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Francis, H. E. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bennett, Miss Margaret Dean, Miss Marie Martin, J. M. Davison, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Dr. Wells, Mrs. E. J. Weaver.

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PREACHER RAISES SOME FINE ONIONS.

Rev. S. W. Ball, who resides on East Oak street, is the proud possessor of a garden of which he is very proud, and really has a right to be. Mr. Ball yesterday showed a reporter some onions he had raised this spring, the largest of which measured six and a half inches around. Mr. Ball has taken great interest in his garden, more especially as he has been told the land there would grow nothing. However, in addition to the onions, he is daily gathering very fine string beans, and made a splendid lot of Irish potatoes, lettuce, etc. Mr. Ball raised so much produce on his small garden patch that he has been dividing with his neighbors. A small patch of alfalfa in one corner of the garden is doing finely also, it being planted as an experiment. Mr. Ball says the only requisites for a fine garden in this section are water, fertilizer and work—and the lanky-looking pastor of the Church of the Brethren has used all three in abundance.

BERMONT.

S. M. Kirtin spent several days in Punta Gorda last week.

Mr. Roy Reynolds made his final five year proof on his homestead in Arcadia Thursday.

Mr. C. A. Willis and son were visiting in Arcadia this week.

Mrs. J. R. McCurdy is visiting in Arcadia for a few days.

Everybody remember this picnic supper at Central Park Saturday night May 13th.

Mr. Mizell, Fred Keuster and Ben Boon drove a bunch of beef cattle to Punta Gorda for the local market.

There will be a picnic at the Bermont school house May 25th. Everybody invited, and especially all the candidates, as it will give them a good chance to meet all the people and get acquainted.

Mr. M. H. Reid and C. L. Fries, of Punta Gorda, were attending to business matters in Bermont Monday.

Mr. Grady Burton, Bob Hendry and Mr. C. P. Durrance, of Arcadia, were shaking hands with old friends and making new ones Monday.

Mr. A. Aldridge has been on the sick list for the last week, but his friends are glad to know he is improving.

Mrs. Mary K. Hunter is visiting in Tampa and Lakeland, transacting business in Punta Gorda this week.

Mr. F. M. Cooper and son, F. M. Jr., of Tampa, were calling on the people Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. McClain, of Punta Gorda, were visiting friends Wednesday.

The dance given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Wiggins, of Everglade, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shenfield Saturday night was greatly enjoyed by those who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. May, of Nocatee, were visiting relatives during the week.

The weather is still dry and hot, and a good rain would be appreciated very much.

D. H. Glibreth, the water melon king of Monticello, Fla., after spending a few days in town attending to business matters, left yesterday afternoon for Lakeland, where he will spend a few days and then return to this city and go over the water melon situation in this county.

Elias Waldron, a candidate of Venus, returned last night from a few days' trip in the northern part of the county, where he has been explaining to the voters why he should be elected in the June primary to the office which he is seeking.

Bill Harlan, connected with the Scott Telephone Company, of Wauchula, came down to this city Monday night and accompanied the large party of Arcadians who went over to Bradentown yesterday on the picnic. He returned to his home this morning.